FIREBRAND

THE INITIATION OF NATALI PRESANO

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Thank you everyone for all your questions! We picked a few that touched upon some of the comic's main topics and have hopefully answered

them without giving away too many spoilers. Thanks again for everything and we will be answering more of your questions throughout the month!

Now on to the questions

1. FragmentYu - Just a simple question. How does this magic work?

SORGIN MAGIC stems from their Goddess, Mari. Her powers came from the earth. She drew energy from the elements around her. Her people have always received their abilities from her, and still do. As Selena mentioned to Lar in the last chapter, Mari lies in a permanent sleep at present. You'll find out why! Backstory of the start of the Sorgin civil war is coming very, very soon!

Not unlike witchcraft magic, each Sorgin's abilities to effect a spell are similar, however,

certain Sorgin are stronger, most of whom are chosen by Mari as Ikuzi. Natali's magic is much stronger than anyone would've thought. Especially her aunt. She's half-human, right? But one day this civil war will have to end, and we humans are hoping that Natali is with the Ikuzi when they fight that ultimate battle!

2. Merakile - Is Natali's father looking for her, still love or even care about her?

We don't want spoilers but EVERYONE asked about Natali, her dad, and Judy...and YES. We can tell you that the storyline will continue and her father is most definitely still looking for her! He's still married to Judy. They've had a baby who is now no longer a baby--obviously. And we won't tell you the gender because that would be SPOILING things.

3. Momo - Will we ever find out the exact cause of

Natali's mother's death?

Oh yeah. But that's all we're sayin'!

4. Reader_Raizen - Is Eder the only place of its kind? Or are there other places like it spread throughout the world?

Eder is a one of a kind place. Sorgin are in other places in the world, but the city is the sanctuary, closed off to humans, magically hidden from view. Readers will learn much more about this soon...we've already written about it but it hasn't gone up yet :)

5. Choco Latte - Are any of your characters inspired by people you know in real life?

YES. In this political climate, we're just going to leave that right there...

As a character, Natali has bits of the three of us (Jessica, Erika, Claudia) in her, especially her sense of style is very us.

6. Tatem Maynard - What happened before Luken met Natali's aunt? And how he met her?

Luken's story is rather tragic. It will come out, so we don't want to spoil too much, but Selena found Luken living on the streets. His parents are dead. He was alone in the world. So Selena offered him a home, in exchange for a little help spying on Natali.

Luken's HUMAN. He's not unlike Natali's Dad in that regard...see the parallels? Natali's mom, Elysia falls for human James. Will Natali make the same forbidden mistake? :) Time will tell....

7. Mattins - From the names I'm getting some kind of Latin/Hispanic vibes. Are the creatures and characters of this comic inspired by culture/mythology?

YES. The mythology was inspired from legends of the Basque region. The Spanish were obviously big influencers in Central and Latin America, in addition to their own country...but the vibes you're feeling are Basque :)

8. Asianotaku030 - I'm curious as to what language you use for the spells and terminology. Is it latin? Terms pulled from old folktales and lore?

We pull those words from Basque (although we play with them so they aren't always exact) but the magic itself is tied to EMOTIONS. Don't want to spoil too much, but there's a chapter coming that explains it.

9. Devintrex99 - Does Pren have magic, if so, how strong?

Pren DOES have her own special kind of magic that you will see soon. She's not good with spells, like Natali or Selena. An ancestor on her mother's side is where her powers come from, but they have been very diluted by generations of human DNA, and not being used. That will change very soon!

10. SparkleGirl - What history does Selena have with Mike's Dad? Also, what's his name?

Selena has been living in Seattle a LONG time. She and Suggar have "known" each other for a while, and they seem to have a little "something-something" going on, right? You'll know more soon. And his name is SUGGAR, like the bar's name. Txiki says it in Chapter 8

when Suggar tosses him out ;)

Thank you again for all of your support! We'll be back next week with a brand new chapter!

xo, Jessica, Erika & Claudia

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